

NEW YORK POSSESSES 50% OF SKYSCRAPERS

Country-Wide Survey Shows Half of Buildings Ten Stories or Higher in This City.

Slightly more than half the buildings ten stories or higher in the United States are in New York City, which is foremost among the thirty-six cities claiming the 377 skyscrapers more than twenty stories high in this country, according to a survey, believed to be the first of its kind, published yesterday by the Thompson-Starrett Company, Inc., builders. The survey shows that 50 per cent of the buildings in New York from ten to twenty stories high, and 60 per cent of those taller, are between Fourteenth and Fifty-ninth Streets.

American cities have 4,778 structures ten or more stories in height; forty-two of the 173 cities of 50,000 or more population have no buildings of that height, and fifty-nine cities reported less than five each, according to the survey. Six cities reported more than 100 buildings ten or more stories high, these being New York with 2,479, Chicago with 449, Los Angeles with 135, Detroit with 121, Philadelphia with 120 and Boston with 104. Philadelphia has twenty-two buildings twenty-one or more stories high, Chicago has sixty-five and New York has 188 such structures.

There are ten buildings more than 500 feet tall, and five others are being built, the report says. The highest is the Woolworth Building, rising 792 feet, which the Thompson-Starrett Company constructed sixteen years ago. Two other New York skyscrapers now under way will reach higher than this, the Chrysler Building, rising to a height of 808 feet, and the Bank of Manhattan Building, which will be 836 feet above the sidewalk.

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